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FOR EA/RA GALLAGHER FROM SKIFF

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SUBJ: SEATO BUDGET 1975-76 (PWG/75/D-18)

1. DO NOT NEED RESPONSE TO CONTRIBUTION FORMULA CONTAINED
IN SCR/75/D-14 SINCE THE U.S. PROPOSED THIS SOLUTION LAST
YEAR.

2. THE PWG IS MEETING THREE DAYS PER WEEK IN ORDER TO
COMPLETE ITS REVIEW OF THE SEATO BUDGET BY THE END OF JUNE.
ALL PWG MEMBERS ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE 1975-76
ESTIMATE MUST BE BROUGHT IN LINE WITH THE APPROVED 1974-74
BUDGET YET ALLOW FOR MODEST INFLATIONARY PRESSURE. EMBASSY
PWG MEMBER IS PRESSING FOR A NUMBER OF SAVINGS WHICH APPEAR
TO COINCIDE OR HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE OTHER MEMBERS. NONE
OF THE PROPOSALS WOULD REDUCE THE EFFICIENCY OF
THE STAFF NOR HAMPER THE PROGRAMS. MEANWHILE, IT APPEARS
THAT CONCERTED PWG EFFORTS SHOULD REDUCE THE ESTIMATED
\$1,523,857 TO APPROXIMATELY \$1,350,000 WHICH WE BELIEVE
IS ACCEPTABLY CLOSE TO LAST YEAR'S \$1,313,078. WOULD
WELCOME SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO
PROVIDE CONCERNING PWG/75/D-18 AND ITS JUDGMENT ON THE
BUDGET LEVEL WE SHOULD PURSUE IN THE PWG.
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